



THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

County of Los Angeles

MINUTES

Meeting Place: Room 150 Hall of Records
320 W. Temple Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Meeting Date: December 10, 2014 - Wednesday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Commissioners Valadez, Shell, Louie, Pedersen, Modugno

Ex Officio Members:

Director of Public Works: Mr. Art Vander Vis

County Counsel: Ms. Tracy Swann, Senior Deputy County Counsel
Mr. Joe Nicchitta, Deputy

Planning Director: Mr. Mark Child, Deputy Director, Advance Planning Division

Forester and Fire Warden: Ms. Janna Masi, Supervising Fire Prevention Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shell representing the Third Supervisorial District.

On behalf of the Regional Planning Commission, Commissioner Modugno presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Burger of the Department of Public Works for his seven years of dedicated services to the Regional Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Motion/second by Commissioners Modugno/Louie – That the agenda for December 10, 2014 be approved.

At the direction of the Chair, the agenda was approved unanimously.

COUNTY COUNSEL REPORT

3. Mr. Nicchitta stated his opinion on a question Commissioner Modugno had the last time the General Plan was heard before the Commission regarding whether economic factors can be considered when making land use determinations. Mr. Nicchitta stated that economic factors can be considered with a qualification. The primary purpose of a land use decision must be the advancement of a public purpose and cannot be to advance a

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private anti competitive motive, to protect a business or disadvantage a business or a particular individual.

DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

4. There were no reports given by Director/Deputy Director.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance Studies

Action Taken as Noted

5. **(Continued from 06/18/14, 07/30/14, 08/20/14 & 09/17/14). Project No. R2011-00518-(1-5). Advance Planning Case No. 201100007. Technical Update to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Code) – Countywide. Project Status Update.**

Ms. Ng presented the staff report and updated the Commission on the public hearing schedule and summarized details of Volumes I, II and III relating to the Technical Update.

Motion/second by Commissioners Shell/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission continue this matter, the Technical Update to Title 22, to April 22, 2015.

At the direction of the Chair, the item was unanimously continued to Wednesday, April 22, 2015.

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Project Approved

6. **(Continued from 02/26/14, 03/26/14, 04/23/14, 05/28/14, 06/25/14, 07/23/14, 08/06/14, 08/27/14 & 10/08/14). Project No. 02-305-(1-5). a. Plan Amendment No. 02-305 - General Plan Update. To consider the comprehensive General Plan Update (General Plan 2035) for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The focus of this is the proposed Planning Areas Framework, Land Use Element and Mobility Element. b. Plan Amendment No. 02-305 - General Plan Update. To consider the Air Quality, Conservation and Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Safety, Noise, Public Services and Facilities, and Economic Development elements. c. Advance Planning No. 201200007 - Zoning Consistency. To consider amendment to Title 22 of the County Code to adopt a Hillside Management Area ordinance. d. Advance Planning No. 201200001. SEA Program Update and Zoning Consistency. To consider the Significant Ecological Area**

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(“SEA”) Program Update, including amendment to Title 22 of the County Code to adopt an SEA ordinance. e. Zone Change No. 201200005 - Zoning Consistency. To consider zone changes for consistency with General Plan 2035. f. Advance Planning No. 201200004 - Zoning Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code related to the industrial zones. g. Advance Planning No. 201200005 - Zoning Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code related to the MXD zone. h. Advance Planning No. 201200006 - Zoning Consistency. To consider amendments to Title 22 of the County Code to add the R-5, C-MJ, C-RU, MXD-RU and ()-IP zones. i. Advance Planning No. 201300009 - Community Climate Action Plan. To consider the Community Climate Action Plan, which is part of the Air Quality Element, to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by community activities within the unincorporated areas by 2020. j. Environmental Assessment No. 201100046. State Clearinghouse No. 2011081042. To consider a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project, including consideration for the CEQA Findings of Fact, and adoption of the Mitigation and Monitoring Program. Pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements, consider impacts to air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; hydrology and water quality; population and housing; and public services reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures. Pursuant to CEQA reporting requirements, consider significant and unavoidable impacts to the following: agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; greenhouse gas emissions; mineral resources; noise; transportation/traffic; and utilities and service systems.

Ms. Choi presented the staff report on the scope of the General Plan Update. Ms. Choi summarized previous public hearings on the General Plan Update, additional edits to the draft General Plan and its implementing documents, and the Final Environmental Impact Report.

After the staff presentation, Mr. Bruckner commented on the fact that property owners, staff members and the Commission has spent many hours on public hearings, and that there has been no update to the General Plan since 1980. Mr. Bruckner praised staff on their public outreach and education efforts and their diligent work on the General Plan, and encouraged the Commission to recommend that the General Plan go the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Commissioner Pedersen expressed concerns regarding what options are available to address the proposed SEA programs in the General Plan Update for areas that are covered by local plans. Ms. Chung responded that there are existing community plans that are acknowledged in the General Plan to be components of the Countywide General

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Plan. There are three existing community plans: Altadena, Rowland Heights, and Hacienda Heights. There are opportunities through these area plans where we can explore further and study the proposed SEA's within these communities. Staff agreed to discuss further the decision of the final boundaries of the SEA's in those community plan areas to be set by the time the community plan is adopted.

Testimony was given by seven speakers in favor and in opposition of this project.

Motion/second by Commissioners Shell/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission close the public hearing and certify the Environmental Impact Report (Environmental Assessment No. 201100046 State ClearingHouse No. 2011081042) prepared for the General Plan Update Project No. 02-305 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, adopt the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

Motion/second by Commissioners Shell/Louie – That the Regional Planning Commission adopt the resolution recommending approval to the Board of Supervisors of the General Plan Update Project No. 02-305.

At the direction of the Chair, the item passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. Public comment pursuant to Section 54954.3 of the Government Code.

There were no requests by members of the public to address the Commission.

CONTINUATION OF REPORTS

8. Possible Call for Review of Decisions by Hearing Officer, pursuant to Section 22.60.200 of the Los Angeles County Code.

There were no items Called up for Review by the Commission.

9. Commission/Counsel/Director Reports

There were no reports given by Commission/Counsel/Director.

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ADJOURNMENT

A recording of the testimony received and the discussions held at this meeting and a copy of all findings and resolutions acted upon by the Commission are on file in the Department of Regional Planning.

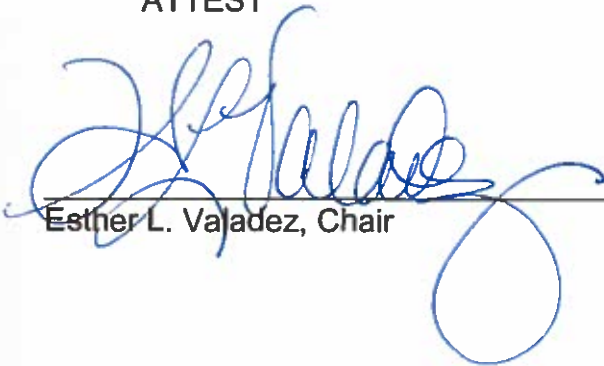
The Commission adjourned at 10:32 a.m. to Wednesday, December 17, 2014 and continued with the Airport Land Use Commission meeting.



Ana Ruiz, Acting Commission Secretary

ATTEST

APPROVE



Esther L. Valadez, Chair



Mark Child, Deputy Director
Advance Planning Division